



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration/500 West Temple Street, Room B-50/Los Angeles, California 90012 / (213) 974-1431

MINUTES OF THE 703rd MEETING OF THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

The 703rd meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission was held on July 9, 2009, in Room 140 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California. A list of those present follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dennis P. Zine , Chair
Heather Aubry, Vice Chair
Clifton Albright
Gary L. Barr
Andrew Friedman
William J. Galloway
Annie Y. Huang
Neal S. Millard
Sylvia Scott-Hayes

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Nelson L. Atkins
Bertrum CeDillos
Paul A. Jacobs
David C. Voss, Jr.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Beatriz Dieringer, District Attorney's Office
Laura Green, Public Defender's Office
Zoe Venhuizen, Superior Court

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Margaret Little, Ph.D., Court Representative

GUESTS

Cliff Ruff, Los Angeles Council, District No. 3

STAFF

Martha Arana, Commission Services Staff
Jimmy Prieto, Commission Services Staff
Andrew Sevrin, Commission Services Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Zine called the 703rd regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission (JPC) to order at 12:40 p.m.

MEMBERS

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Andrew Friedman.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2009

On motion of Ex-Officio Dieringer, seconded by Commissioner Barr, and unanimously carried, the minutes for the meeting of June 11, 2009, were approved as submitted, with the following amendment requested by Ex-Officio Member Dieringer:

- On page 2, under "Update on the Safe Child Custody exchange Program (SCCEP)", change "Susan Kaplan of Friends of the Family will speak with Van Nuys and Foothill Divisions Sheriff's representatives" to "*Susan Kaplan of Friends of the Family is awaiting funding approval before she contacts Van Nuys and Foothill LAPD representatives*".
- On page 2, under "Update on the Safe Child Custody exchange Program (SCCEP)", change "Ms. Dieringer also reported that funding for the program mandates allocating \$4 of the \$17 fee charged for a copy of a birth certificate from the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk" to "*Ms. Dieringer also reported that funding for these two SCCEP facilities will be provided from Los Angeles County's pro-rata share of monies collected pursuant to state law, which requires that \$4 of the \$17 birth certificate fee received by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk be used for child welfare purposes.*"

On motion of Commissioner Friedman, seconded by Commissioner Millard, and unanimously carried, the amendment to the minutes for the meeting of June 11, 2009, was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

Safe Child Custody Exchange Program (SCCEP)

Ex Officio Member, Bea Dieringer, District Attorney's Office, gave the following update:

The SCCEP fund transfer Board letter approval has been calendared for the July 21, 2009, Board of Supervisors meeting. Once funding is approved, contracts will be executed with the two provider agencies and monies will be allocated to San Fernando Valley and Antelope Valley Facilities, within six months, to establish the SCCEP.

Diversity on the Bench Initiative

Vice Chair Aubry reported that Commissioner Huang, who was not present at the meeting, is awaiting a response from the State Bar regarding the Bench Initiative.

Chair Zine initiated discussion on how the Commission could exert a stronger influence on the judicial process and diversity on the bench, which includes:

- Inviting representatives from the Minority Bar Association to discuss this issue.
- Co-sponsoring workshops to inform minority attorneys of their judicial options.
- Attending the Board of Trustees meeting to discuss bench diversity. Chair Zine offered to attend an upcoming meeting.
- Inviting the Mr. Don Mike Anthony, President of the LA County Bar Association, to attend a future Commission meeting at which a forum for discussion on bench diversity could take place. Commissioner Millard and Vice Chair Aubry will initiate contact with Mr. Anthony.

(Commissioner Huang joined the meeting at 12:52 p.m.)

Public Guardian Program

Margaret Little, Court Representative, reported that there has been an issue with identifying a mechanism to fund the D.A.N.C.E Program. Commissioner Huang reported that the Sogo Group, a property management firm based in San Diego, has offered to donate \$3,000, to be distributed in \$500 increments for a six-month period to the D.A.N.C.E Program. At the end of a six-month period, the Commission will continue to seek a funding source for this Program.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM SOGO GROUP COMPANY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500 PER MONTH, FOR A SIX-MONTH PERIOD, TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION TRUST FUND, ACCOUNT NO. SD3 3301, AND EARMARKED FOR THE *DONATE TO A NEEDY CONSERVED ELDER (D.A.N.C.E) PROGRAM*

Chair Zine requested that the Commission appoint a Treasurer or new Committee Chair at a future meeting, and nominated Commissioner Barr. The Commission concurred with Chair Zine's nomination. Chair Zine requested that staff contact former Chair Jackson to obtain information/documents relating to the Trust Fund, and to provide the Commission with information at the next Commission meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Friedman, seconded by Commissioner Barr

Vote: Unanimously carried

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA)

Chair Zine requested the following items:

- Establishment of a Commission Treasurer/Chair of the Trust Fund Committee.
- Invitation of Assistant Presiding Judge Lee Smalley Edmon to a future Commission meeting to give a presentation on Self-Help Legal Access Centers.

- An off-site meeting to visit the Child Care Waiting Rooms/Self-Help Legal Access Centers at the Stanley Mosk Superior Court facility.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Commissioner Millard, seconded by Vice Chair Aubry, and unanimously carried, the 703rd meeting of the Judicial Procedures Commission adjourned at 1:15 p.m.